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SUBJECT: REPORT OF CHINESE BORDER INCURSION

1. AMERICAN STUDENT RESIDENT IN DUSHANBE TOLD VISITING EMBOFF APRIL 30 THAT ACCORDING TO A PERSISTENT LOCAL RUMOR, CHINESE TROOPS MOVED ACROSS THE SOVIET BORDER IN KAZAKHSTAN IN EARLY 1975, INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE DEFENDING RUSSIAN TROOPS, AND FELL BACK WITHOUT AN ANSWERING SHOT HAVING BEEN FIRED. THE SOVIET TROOPS, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, WERE UNDER STRICTEST ORDERS NOT TO RETALIATE. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE TO OUR SOURCE.

2. COMMENT. THE STUDENT, WHO HAS LIVED IN DUSHANBE FOR EIGHT MONTHS AND SPEAKS RUSSIAN, TADZHIKI AND GERMAN, TOLD US THE RUMOR IS A DURABLE

ONE WHICH HAS PERSISTED DURING HIS ENTIRE STAY. HE ALSO SAID HE HAS HEARD ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ACCOUNT FROM RUSSIAN, TADZHIK AND ETHNIC GERMAN SOURCES. WE PASS IT ALONG TO THE DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES

ON THE CHANCE THEY MAY HAVE HEARD SIMILAR REPORTS. END COMMENT.

3. COORDINATED WITH DAO, WHICH WILL BE REPORTING THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS.

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